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1. (Twice Amended) A computer system for collaborative browsing by a first computer with a first display and a second computer with a second display, through a control site computer, wherein said first, control site, and second computers are coupled together through a computer network and said second computer executes a browser application, said computer system comprising:

a control module for enabling the first computer to control the browser application executed by the second computer so that files from the network displayed by the browser application on the second display are determined by the first computer, the control module comprising an active control module at the first computer and a control site control module at the control site computer, the control site control module comprising a storage for computer instructions for execution by the control site computer, the instructions configured to cause the control site computer to:

receive an image from the first computer,
compose a URL for the received image,
send the URL to the second computer,
receive a request from the second computer for the URL, and
transmit the image to the second computer.

2. (Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the selector uses a combination of keystrokes to capture the image of said region on said first display.

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The system of claim 1, wherein the computer network is the Internet.

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4. (Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the selected region is converted into an image file format before transmission to the control site computer.

5. (Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the selector automatically refreshes said region and retransmits said region to said control site computer.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein subsequent captures transmit only the changes in said region.

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7. (Twice Amended) A computer program product whose instructions cause a computer system to display a region of a first computer's display on a display of at least one second computer through a collaborative web browsing session managed by a control site computer, the first computer, the control site computer and the at least one second computer being coupled through a network, the at least one second computer executing a browser application, the computer program product storing program instructions for:

enabling a user of the first computer to control the browser application executed by the at least one second computer so that files from the network displayed by the browser application on the display of the at least one second computer are determined by the user of the first computer;

selecting the region on the first computer's display;

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transmitting images associated at predetermined times with the region
from the first computer to the control site computer;
receiving the transmitted images from the first computer at the control site
computer;
composing a URL for each of the received images;
sending the URL composed for each of the received images to the second
computer;
for each URL sent, receiving a request from the second computer for the
URL; and
transmitting the corresponding image to the second computer in response
to the received requests.

9. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 7, wherein
selecting a region on the first computers display comprises pressing a
combination of keys on the keyboard of said first computer.

10. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 7, wherein the
computer instructions are further for enabling a third computer configured to
project images onto the display of said one or more second computers in the same
manner as the first computer.

11. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 7, wherein the
program instructions are further for causing said first computer to automatically
retransmit an updated image of said region to said control site computer.

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12. (Amended) A system for allowing a first computer to cause one or more second computers to display a region from a display of the first computer during a collaborative browsing session, comprising:

at the first computer, means for selecting the region and transmitting images associated with the region at predetermined times to a control site computer connected through a network;

at the control site computer, means for receiving an image from the first computer, a means for composing a URL for the received image, a means for sending the URL to the second computer, a means for receiving a request from the second computer for the URL, and a means for transmitting the image to the second computer; and

a control module for enabling the first computer to control the browser application executed by the second computer so that files from the network displayed by the browser application on the second display are determined by the first computer.

13. (Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the means for selecting the region further comprises a means for capturing the selected region when a predetermined set of keystrokes is pressed on said first computer.

15. The system of claim 12, wherein said first, second, and control site computers are connected via the World Wide Web.

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16. (Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the means for selecting the region further comprises a means for automatically capturing the selected region at predetermined intervals of time.

25. (New) The computer system of claim 1, further comprising:
a selector for selecting a region on the first display;
a first transmitter coupled to the first computer for transmitting an image associated with said region to the control site computer; and
a second transmitter coupled to the control site computer for transmitting said image to the second computer.

26. (New) The computer program product of claim 7, wherein the program instructions are further for displaying the images of the region on the display of the at least one second computer.

27. (New) A collaborative computer system, comprising a control server configured to receive an image transmitted by a presenter client, compose an address and associate it with the received image, and transmit a message to an attendee client, the message comprising the address composed by the control server.

28. (New) The collaborative computer system of claim 27, wherein the control server is further configured to receive an image request message from the attendee client, the image request message comprising the address composed by the control server and transmitted to the attendee client.